

THE HONORABLE JOHN H. CHUN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANTENEH TESFAYE,

Defendant.

No. CR24-217 JHC

ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL

The Court has considered the Unopposed Motion to Continue the Trial and Pretrial Motions Deadline.

THE COURT FINDS that the failure to grant a continuance of the trial date would result in a miscarriage of justice, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that on March 28, 2025, Mr. Tesfaye's former counsel was allowed to withdraw from this matter. Dkt. #30. Present counsel was appointed on April 7, 2025. Dkt. #31. This case is complex, as it arises from a nearly two-year investigation and there is a significant volume of discovery. Therefore, it is unreasonable to expect new counsel to adequately prepare, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(ii), for pretrial proceedings or the trial itself as currently set.

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1 THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the failure to grant a continuance of
2 the trial date and pretrial motions deadline would deny defense counsel the
3 reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the
4 exercise of due diligence, within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).


5 THE COURT FURTHER FINDS, therefore, that pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§
6 3161(h)(6) and 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice will best be served by a
7 continuance, and that they outweigh the interest of the public and the defendant in
8 a speedy trial.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the trial date will
10 be continued until February 17, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. The period of delay from the
11 date of this order to the new trial date is excludable time pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §
12 3161.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pretrial motions will be filed no later
14 than November 24, 2025.

15 IT IS ORDERED.

16 DATED this 22nd day of April, 2025.

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18 THE HON. JOHN H. CHUN
19 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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